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SUBJECT: HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY

1.(SBU) A Defense Attache Office (DAO) team led by Assistant Army Attache Cozzens and accompanied by USAF Master Sergeant Ramirez notified in person the family, including the Mexican national spouse and two children, of a U.S. Army Private First Class killed in action last week. The U.S. national of Mexican background was mortally wounded in Baghdad, Iraq on August 22 by an improvised explosives device (IED) while driving an M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. In a separate case, Chief Warrant Officer Four Wiechert attended the funeral August 23 in Ojo Caliente for a Mexican national U.S. Army soldier killed in a non-combat accident in the U.S. earlier in the week.

12. (SBU) It is estimated that more than 40 Mexican nationals (or military personal listing Mexico as their POB) have been killed in action while serving the U.S. military since September 11, 2001. DOD estimates that more than 20 of them have been granted posthumous U.S. citizenship. The Mission views as one of its highest priorities honoring those Mexican nationals and those of Mexican descent who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States of America.

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